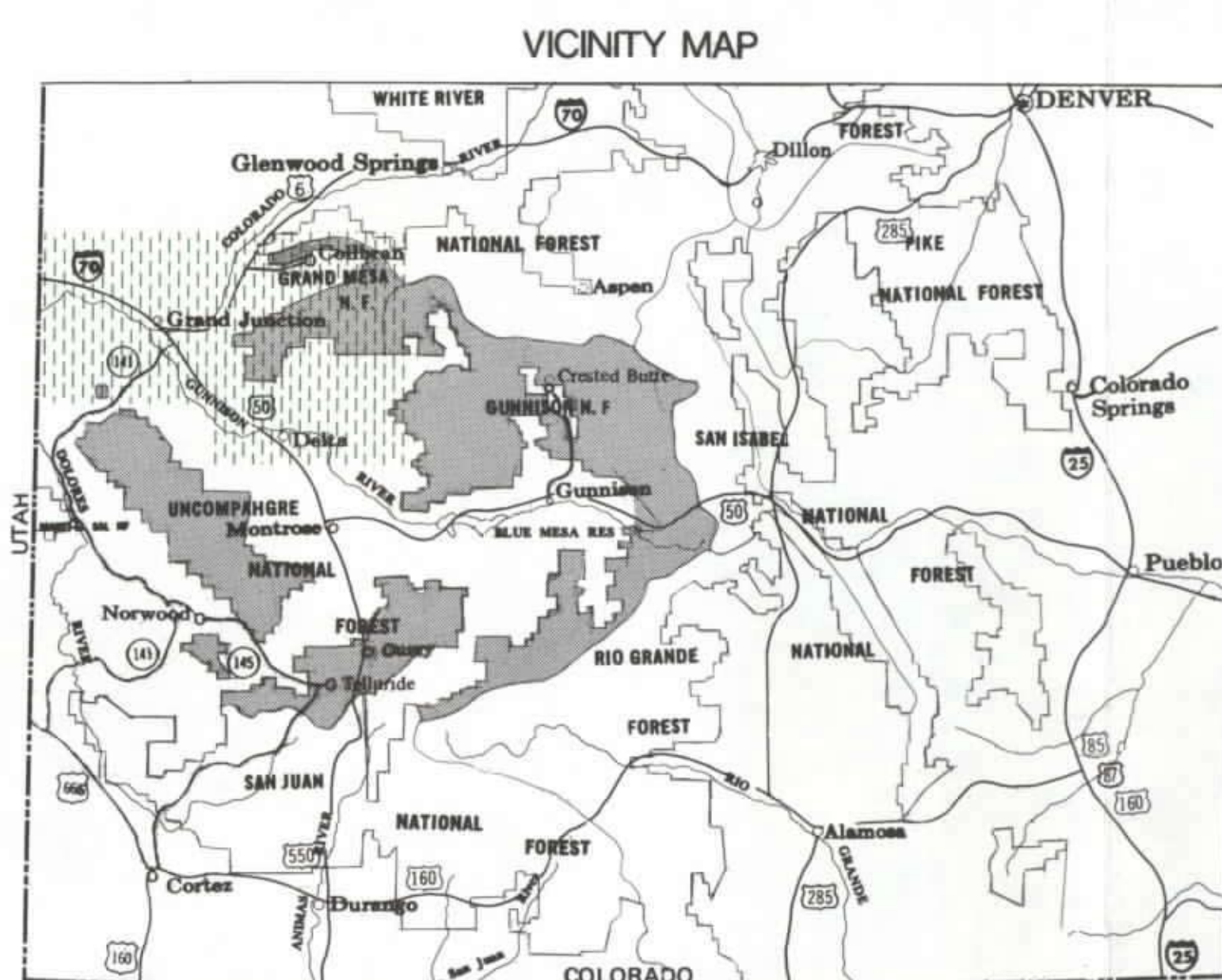


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- LEGEND
- CONST Continental Divide National Scenic Trail
 - National Recreation Trail
 - 6B Management Area - Map numbers correspond to the Management Area numbers contained in Chapter III of the Forest Plan
 - Existing Recreation Site
 - District Ranger Office
 - Forest Supervisor's Office
 - All other Administration Sites
 - Existing Electronic Site
 - Existing Ski Area
 - Existing Transmission Line
 - Existing Pipeline
 - Wilderness and Special Area Boundary and Name
 - Lands suited for timber production (First Decade)
 - Areas scheduled for commercial timber sales (First Decade)
 - Roads planned for new construction prior to year 2000 (Arterial/Collector)
 - Land not covered by this Plan



MANAGEMENT AREA DIRECTION

Management area direction is a mix of management practices, which is designated to attain particular objectives. Management area direction is applied to each management area based on the management emphasis prescribed for that area. This map shows the specific locations where management area direction will be implemented for the Forest Plan.



1A MANAGEMENT AREA - National Forest System developed recreation sites. Visual quality will be maintained or improved. No livestock grazing will be permitted during the use season. Proposed sites will maintain the site attractiveness until developed.



1B MANAGEMENT AREA - Existing winter sports sites. Management integrates ski area development and use with other resource management to provide healthy tree stands, vegetation diversity, forage production for wildlife and livestock, and opportunities for non-motorized recreation.



1D MANAGEMENT AREA - Utility corridors and electronic sites. Livestock grazing is permitted. Activities within these corridors and sites will be compatible with the adjacent management area direction.



2A MANAGEMENT AREA - Semi-primitive motorized recreation opportunities in a natural appearing environment. Range management will reduce conflicts between recreation and livestock. Vegetation treatment will enhance plant and animal diversity.



2B MANAGEMENT AREA - Roaded natural and rural recreation opportunities. Major travel routes maintained or improved visual quality. Range management will reduce conflicts between recreation and livestock. Vegetation treatment including timber harvest will enhance visual quality, recreation setting and plant and animal diversity.



3A MANAGEMENT AREA - Semi-primitive non-motorized recreation opportunities. Vegetation treatment will maintain visual quality and plant and animal diversity. User density is controlled by access.



4B MANAGEMENT AREA - Wildlife habitat management for one or more management indicator species. Semi-primitive non-motorized, semi-primitive motorized and roaded natural recreation opportunities will be provided. Livestock grazing will be compatible with wildlife habitat management. Vegetation treatment will enhance plant and animal diversity.



4D MANAGEMENT AREA - Aspen management. Area is managed to maintain or improve aspen and to provide wood fiber, wildlife habitat, visual quality and plant and animal diversity. Semi-primitive non-motorized, semi-primitive motorized and roaded natural recreation opportunities will be provided. Livestock grazing is compatible with aspen management.



5A MANAGEMENT AREA - Big game winter range in non-forest areas. Semi-primitive non-motorized, semi-primitive motorized and roaded natural recreation opportunities will be provided. Motorized recreation on local roads is managed to prevent unacceptable stress on big game animals during primary big game use season. Vegetation treatment will enhance plant and animal diversity. Livestock grazing is compatible, but managed to favor wildlife habitat.



5B MANAGEMENT AREA - Big game winter range in forested areas. Semi-primitive non-motorized, semi-primitive motorized and roaded natural recreation opportunities will be provided. Motorized recreation on local roads is managed to prevent unacceptable stress on big game animals during primary big game use season. Harvest methods used to improve winter range can be clearcut, shelterwood or selection. Vegetation treatment will enhance plant and animal diversity. Livestock grazing is compatible, but managed to favor wildlife habitat.



6A MANAGEMENT AREA - Livestock grazing. Rangeland will be improved through use of vegetation and soil restoration practices, improved livestock management and regulation of other resource activities. Semi-primitive non-motorized, semi-primitive motorized and roaded natural recreation opportunities will be provided. Vegetation treatment will enhance plant and animal diversity.



6B MANAGEMENT AREA - Livestock grazing. Rangeland will be maintained at or above a satisfactory condition. Semi-primitive non-motorized, semi-primitive motorized and roaded natural recreation opportunities will be provided. Vegetation treatment will enhance plant and animal diversity.

Large scale maps showing specific boundaries for management areas and vegetative treatment are available for review in the Headquarters of the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests.



7A MANAGEMENT AREA - Wood fiber production and utilization on suited timber lands on slopes less than 40 percent. Semi-primitive non-motorized, semi-primitive motorized and roaded natural recreation opportunities will be provided. Vegetation treatment will enhance plant and animal diversity.



8A MANAGEMENT AREA - Pristine wilderness recreation setting. Very high levels of solitude, very high opportunities for challenge, risk and self-reliance. Trail encounters will generally be very low, 0-2 other parties per day. The area is closed to motorized vehicle use.



8B MANAGEMENT AREA - Primitive wilderness recreation setting. High levels of solitude, high opportunities for challenge, risk and self-reliance. Trail encounters will generally be low, less than 5 other parties per day. The area is closed to motorized vehicle use.



8C MANAGEMENT AREA - Semi-primitive wilderness recreation setting. Moderate levels of solitude, moderate opportunities for challenge, risk and self-reliance. Trail encounters will generally be moderate to high, 5 to 20 other parties per day. The area is closed to motorized vehicle use.



8D MANAGEMENT AREA - High-density day-use recreation setting. Moderate levels of solitude, low opportunity for challenge, risk and self-reliance. Trail encounters will generally be high, greater than 20 other parties per day. The area is closed to motorized vehicle use.



10A MANAGEMENT AREA - Research Natural Area. Emphasis is on research, study, observations, monitoring and educational activities that are non-destructive and non-manipulative, and that maintain unmodified conditions.



10C MANAGEMENT AREA - Special Interest Areas. Preserve, protect, study, and interpret areas of outstanding geological formations and cultural resource areas. Range management will reduce conflicts between recreation and livestock. Semi-primitive non-motorized, semi-primitive motorized, roaded natural and rural recreation opportunities will be provided.



10E MANAGEMENT AREA - Municipal watersheds. Management practices vary from use restrictions to water resource improvement practices, with the primary objective of meeting water quality standards.

THE MANAGEMENT AREAS IDENTIFIED ON THIS MAP AND THE MANAGEMENT DIRECTION DEFINED IN THE FOREST PLAN APPLY TO NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LANDS ONLY. THEY DO NOT APPLY TO ANY LANDS IN STATE, PRIVATE OR OTHER OWNERSHIPS.

